## SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

### **Cost Estimate Validation Process (CEVP)**

Updated Fall 2005

### **Project Description**

- Rebuilds the existing four-lane freeway from I-5 in Seattle to Bellevue Way with 2 lanes in each direction and full width shoulders
- Rebuilds the Evergreen Point Bridge and the Portage Bay Bridge
- Rebuilds existing westbound HOV lane from 108<sup>th</sup> to the east end of the Evergreen Point Bridge
- Rebuilds outside lane transit stops at Montlake. Evergreen Pt. Road, & 92<sup>nd</sup>
- Adds HOV access onto the I-5 express lanes to downtown Seattle
- Adds bicycle/pedestrian path
- Adds electronic toll collection
- Includes pontoons sized to carry future High Capacity Transit

# **4-Lane Alternative**

2 General Purpose Lanes in each direction



### **Project Cost Range\***

### \$1.7 billion

80% chance cost will be in this range

Cost

**Project Risks** 

10% chance cost will be

\*cost increases if risks occur

\$2.0 billion

### **Project Benefits**

- Reduces seismic and storm damage risks to the Evergreen Point and Portage Bay bridges
- Improves safety and reliability by adding full shoulders
- Maintains current highway capacity and serves 7% more people in 13% fewer vehicles during the peak evening travel time as compared to the No Build alternative
- Provides increased transit benefit with new SR 520 to I-5 express lanes connection and improved SR 520 transit stops
- Improves environmental quality by removing "ramps to nowhere" in Arboretum area, improving water quality by treating storm water, and reducing noise in communities by adding sound walls
- Creates new path for bicycles and pedestrians
- Accommodates future High Capacity Transit across Lake Washington

### **Project Risks**

10% chance

cost will be

less

- Limited number of qualified and available contractors and changes in market conditions
- Changes in local street improvement requirements
- Uncertainties in: right-of-way costs, bridge structure costs, and geotechnical findings
- Cultural resources identified
- Legal challenges to the Environmental Impact Statement
- Delays in construction permitting
- Delays in funding

### **Project Schedule**

Begin construction: 2009 to 2010

New bridge open to traffic: 2013 to 2015

End construction: 2015 to 2017

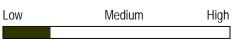
### What's Changed Since 2004 CEVP

- Scope: No change
- Schedule: Design schedule assumes plans contract ready for Evergreen Point Bridge replacement in spring of 2008. Construction schedule assumes availability of full construction funding, completion of a new pontoon construction site, and construction on the Evergreen Point Bridge starting in 2009.
- Cost: Base project costs range from a decrease of \$29m to an increase of \$58m. Changes include opportunities for bridge construction efficiencies, increases in structure costs, and construction related mark-ups.

### **Key Financial Assumptions**

- Project costs assume an unconstrained cash flow from the following sources: Nickel gas tax, TPA gas tax, a regional funding package, tolling, and other sources to be determined
- Design funding available by 7/05 and construction funding by 1/08
- Inflation escalation is to 2013, approximate midpoint of construction
- Year of Expenditure (YOE) is 2013
- Project cost range includes \$33 million in expenses to date

Level of Project Design:



Conducted June 2005



# SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Project

### **Cost Estimation Validation Process (CEVP)**

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### Base 6-Lane Alternative

2 General Purpose Lanes and1 HOV Lane in each direction



### **Project Description**

- Rebuilds and expands SR 520 to six lanes between I-5 and Bellevue Way -- two general purpose lanes and one HOV lane in each direction, and full shoulders
- Rebuilds the Evergreen Point Bridge and the Portage Bay Bridge
- Inside HOV lanes and inside lane transit stops at Montlake, Evergreen Pt. Road, & 92<sup>nd</sup>
- Adds reversible HOV access onto the I-5 express lanes to and from downtown Seattle
- Adds bicycle/pedestrian path
- Includes five lidded sections of freeway (10<sup>th</sup> & Delmar, Montlake, Evergreen Pt. Rd, 84<sup>th</sup>, and 92<sup>nd</sup>)
- Adds electronic toll collection
- Includes pontoons sized to carry future High Capacity Transit

### **Project Cost Range\***



\*cost increases if risks occur

### **Project Benefits**

- Reduces seismic and storm damage risks to the Evergreen Point and Portage Bay bridges
- Improves safety and reliability by adding full shoulders
- Adds highway capacity and serves 25% more people in 3% more vehicles during the evening peak travel time as compared to the No Build alternative
- Improves travel time and reliability for HOV and transit by adding HOV lanes and completing the HOV system between Seattle and Redmond
- Provides HOV and transit benefit with new SR 520 to I-5 express lanes connection during morning and evenings
- Enhances community connections with freeway lids
- Improves environmental quality by removing "ramps to nowhere" in Arboretum area, improving water quality by treating storm water, and reducing noise in communities by adding sound walls
- Creates new path for bicycles and pedestrians
- Accommodates future High Capacity Transit across Lake Washington

### Project Risks

- Limited number of qualified and available contractors and changes in market conditions
- Changes in local street improvement requirements
- Uncertainties in: lid design and aesthetic treatments, right-ofway costs, bridge structure costs, and geotechnical findings
- Cultural resources identified
- Legal challenges to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Delays in construction permitting
- Delays in funding

### **Project Schedule**

• Begin construction: 2009 to 2010

New bridge open to traffic: 2013 to 2015

End construction: 2015 to 2017

### What's Changed Since 2004 CEVP

- **Scope:** Added project Options on both east and west sides of the lake (6-Lane option cost estimates shown separately.)
- Schedule: Design schedule assumes plans contract ready for Evergreen Point bridge replacement in spring of 2008. Construction schedule assumes availability of full construction funding, completion of a new pontoon construction site, and construction on the Evergreen Point Bridge starting in 2009.
- Cost: Base project costs have been reduced by \$88m to \$238m. These reductions are attributed to accelerated schedule assumption, reduced risks, and new opportunities for bridge construction efficiencies. Project options will add or reduce costs depending on the option selected.

### **Key Financial Assumptions**

- Project costs assume an unconstrained cash flow from the following sources; Nickel gas tax, TPA gas tax, a regional funding package, tolling, and other sources to be determined
- Design funding available by 7/05 and construction funding by 1/08
- Inflation escalation is to 2013, approximate midpoint of construction
- Year of Expenditure (YOE) is 2013
- Project cost range includes \$33 million in expenses to date

Level of Project Design:



Conducted June 2005

